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COUNTRY Hungary

TOPIC Szigetszentmiklos Airfield

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1. In October 1950 the Szigetszentmiklos (Q 48/H 50) airfield was occupied by Russians. An estimated 1,000 Soviet soldiers were quartered in the barracks building and tent camp. Individual Hungarian soldiers were also seen but their service color or insignia was not remembered. (1)

25X1 2. [redacted] observed ten jet aircraft at the field, the last time on 22 October 1950. Some planes were covered with tarpaulins. The aircraft were repeatedly seen taking off from the field or in flight. The nearest distance of observation was about 10 meters. Description of jet aircraft: Length approximately 9 meters, fuselage slightly stubby in front and tapering to the rear, last third bent sharply upward, round hole about 50 cm diameter in the round and stubby nose, wings swept-back with rounded tips, plexiglass canopy projecting about 35 cm from top of fuselage, two-wheel landing gear retracted while in the air, single nose wheel not retracted while in the air, no tail wheel. (2)

3. About 15 to 20 single-engine aircraft of two types were also observed frequently. Description of type 1: Long and slim fuselage, tips of wings and rudder assembly rounded, three-bladed metal propeller, cone-shaped propeller hub, plexiglass canopy on cockpit. Description of type 2: Short and stubby fuselage, round and stumpy nose, plexiglass upper section of cockpit, two-bladed propeller. (3)

4. There was flying every morning.

5. The cement which was transported to the field was used to repair damaged buildings. Small-scale construction work was in progress. (4)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) First report that the field was occupied by Soviet Air Force troops. A report of

1947 stated that the airfield was small and used for only test and practice flights.

[redacted] improvement work was done at the field in late October 1949, that two runways were being built, one of which was completed in October 1949.

(2) The description of the plane indicates that the jet plane is a swept-back type.

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The information that the nose wheel was not retracted indicates that the aircraft seen aloft probably made test flights.

- (3) The aircraft types cannot be definitely identified, but type 1 is apparently a fighter with an in-line engine, and type 2 a fighter with a radial engine.
- (4) The report is the first information on jet aircraft in Hungary.

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